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Application No.: 09/163,199
Filing Date: September 30, 1998
Applicant: Fukushima
Group Art Unit: 1627
Examiner: M. Garcia
Title: MANUFACTURE OF A MICROSENSOR DEVICE AND A
METHOD FOR EVALUATING THE FUNCTION OF A
LIQUID BY THE USE THEREOF
Attorney Docket: 9319T-000268

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2001, for which the three month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on October 30, 2001. Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of the time period for response. With extension, a reply is timely on or before November 30, 2001.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.